ASSEMBLY BILL No. 2872

Introduced by Assembly Member Huff

February 24, 2006

An act to amend Section 5019 of the Education Code, relating to school districts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2872, as introduced, Huff. School districts: organization: governing board trustees.

Existing law authorizes a county committee on school district organization, except as specified, among other things, to establish, rearrange, and abolish school district trustee areas and community college district trustee areas. Existing law provides the manner in which a proposal to make changes to trustee areas may be initiated and approved.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Section 5019 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:
3   5019. (a) Except in a school district governed by a board of
4 education provided for in the charter of a city or city and county,
5 in any school district or community college district the county
6 committee on school district organization may establish trustee
7 areas, rearrange the boundaries of trustee areas, abolish trustee

1   areas, and increase to seven or decrease to five the number of
2   members of the governing board, or ~~to~~ adopt one of the
3   alternative methods of electing governing board members
4   specified in Section 5030.
5   (b) The county committee on school district organization may
6   establish or abolish a common governing board for a high school
7   district and an elementary school district within the boundaries of
8   the high school district. The resolution of the county committee
9   *on school district organization* approving the establishment or
10   abolition of a common governing board shall be presented to the
11   electors of the school districts as specified in Section 5020.
12   (c) *(1)* A proposal to make the changes described in
13   subdivision (a) or (b) may be initiated by the county committee
14   *on school district organization* or made to the county committee
15   *on school district organization* either by a petition signed by 5
16   percent or 50, whichever is less, of the qualified registered voters
17   residing in a district in which there are 2,500 or fewer qualified
18   registered voters, or by a petition signed by 2 percent, or 250,
19   whichever is less, of the qualified registered voters residing in a
20   district in which there are 2,501 or more qualified registered
21   voters or by resolution of the governing board of the district. For
22   this purpose, the necessary signatures for a petition shall be
23   obtained within a period of 180 days before the submission of the
24   petition to the county committee *on school district organization*
25   and the number of qualified registered voters in the district shall
26   be determined pursuant to the most recent report submitted by
27   the county elections official to the Secretary of State under
28   Section 610 or 6460 of the Elections Code.
29   *(2)* When ~~the~~ *a* proposal is made *pursuant to paragraph (1),*
30   the county committee *on school district organization* shall call
31   and conduct at least one hearing in the district on the matter. At
32   the conclusion of the hearing, the county committee *on school*
33   *district organization* shall approve or disapprove the proposal.
34   (d) If the county committee *on school district organization*
35   approves pursuant to subdivision (a) the rearrangement of the
36   boundaries of trustee areas for a particular district, then the
37   rearrangement of the trustee areas shall be effectuated for the
38   next district election occurring at least 120 days after its
39   approval, unless at least 5 percent of the registered voters of the
40   district sign a petition requesting an election on the proposed

1 rearrangement of trustee area boundaries. The petition for an
2 election shall be submitted to the elections official within 60 days
3 of the proposal's adoption by the county committee *on school*
4 *district organization*. If the qualified registered voters approve
5 pursuant to subdivision (b) or ~~subdivision~~ (c) the rearrangement
6 of the boundaries to the trustee areas for a particular district, the
7 rearrangement of the trustee areas shall be effective for the next
8 district election occurring at least 120 days after its approval by
9 the voters.

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